

Central City Optimist



Newsletter



December 2011

“Bringing Out The Best in Kids, 100% and Then Some...”



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President's Message

Greetings Fellow Optimist:

As we approach the season of giving, let us be mindful of all of the Optimist opportunities we have to share with others. We often hear it is better to give than receive, but let us put these words into practice by opening our hearts and being a blessing to someone this holiday season.

Please read carefully all of the Optimist activities which will take place in December. Your help is desperately needed. Don't forget to contact committee chairs and let them know you are available to serve.

Remember our monthly club meeting is Saturday, December 3 at 9:00 A.M. at St. Mary's (St. Martin Center). **Don't forget to bring your \$10 wrapped gift for the Chinese Gift Exchange.** Also, I hope many of you will be able to help us set up for our Senior Citizen Banquet at Emmett Scott at 12 noon.

Yours in optimism,
Roy

Central City Optimist Club Policy: Distribution of Personal Information

All personal information (home/business address, phone numbers, e-mail address) of club members, sponsors and participants in club projects should not be distributed outside of the club. This is proprietary information and should only be used for the intent it was given. Thank you for your cooperation.

Central City Optimist Club Board of Directors
Roy Collins, Jr. (President)

Upcoming Events for December 2011



Senior Citizen Banquet

Saturday, December 3, 2011

Emmett Scott Center

2:00-4:00 P.M.

(We need members to help with set-up at 12:00 noon.) Please contact Larry Burnside for more info: 803-327-0540.



Optimist Essay Contest

The essay contest requires students under the age of 18 as of December 31 of the current school year, who have not yet graduated from high school or the equivalent to compose a **700-800 word essay** around a central idea. The contest is designed to develop writing and critical thinking skills. One scholarship of \$2,500 per District is awarded by Optimist International each year. This year's topic: **"How My Positive Outlook Benefits My Community"**. Deadline for submission: **December 20th**. For more information please contact Linda Mobley at 803-329-5770.

Adult Day Care Project

Flint Hill/First Calvary Adult Day Care

Friday, December 23, 2011

10:00 A.M.

Come out and spread holiday cheer to clients at two of our local adult day care centers. For more info contact Larry Burnside at 803-327-0540.

Adopt-A-Family Christmas Project

Two families have been selected for our project this year. Both families are currently residing in the same house. It is not too late to donate items. Tags will be available at our club meeting on Saturday or contact Lynette Bell at 803-684-5527 for more info. We will meet at the municipal parking lot at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, Dec. 24 to deliver gifts. Please come out and help us show love to our families.

A Message from Secretary/Treasurer

Our Optimist year ended September 30th and our new Optimist year began on October 1st. Please submit membership dues to Charlie M. Robinson (CCOC, Post Office Box 446, Rock Hill, South Carolina 29731) or you can pay dues at monthly club meetings. If you have any questions about your dues please call Charlie M. Robinson at 327-4547 or e-mail: charliem.robinson@yahoo.com. Thank you in advance for your support!



December Birthdays

Robert Perry Dec. 2nd

Bro. David Boone
Dec. 3rd

Lois Parker Dec. 30th

December Anniversaries

Ronald & Trina Ricks

Dec. 6th

James and Stephanie White

Dec. 9th

Carl and Louvetta Dicks

Dec. 27th



Sympathy is extended to Thomas, Tamara, and TJ Hagins. They are former students in our mentoring program. Their mother, Cassandra Sanders Hagins passed recently after a long battle with cancer. Please keep them in your prayers.

Optimist In Action



Student-of-The-Month: Trevon Washington



Optimist-of-the-Year: Karen Owens



Welcome Our Newest Member: William (Bump) Roddey (c)

William is married to Jarilyn Sims. They have two children Keniya (15) and William III (Trey). William is employed with Bowater and currently serves as York County Councilman. William was sponsored by Optimist Pete Green. Way 2 go Pete!!!!



We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!

Mark Your Calendars

The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself –

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.



Club Meetings

December 3, 2011	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
January 7, 2012	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
February 4, 2012	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
March 3, 2012	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
April 07, 2012	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
May 05, 2012	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
June 02, 2012	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
July 07, 2012	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
August 04, 2012	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
September 1, 2012	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.
October 5, 2012	9:00 A.M.	St. Mary's/St. Martin Cen.

Board of Directors Meetings

December 22, 2011	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall
January 26, 2012	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall
February 3, 2012	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall
March 22, 2012	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall
April 26, 2012	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall
May 24, 2012	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall
June 28, 2012	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall
July 26, 2012	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall
August 23, 2012	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall
September 27, 2012	7:00 P.M.	Bannon Hall

Information for the Central City Optimist Newsletter can be sent Gloria Burnside at ldburnside@comporium.net. Also, please check out our club's website at www.centralcityoptimist.org. A special "thanks" to Lonnie Harvey for managing our website.

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